

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

SAMUEL HUNTINGTON, ESQUIRE,

GOVERNOR and COMMANDER in CHIEF of the STATE of CONNECTICUT.

A PROCLAMATION.

IT being the Duty of all Mankind, at proper Seasons in their religious Assemblies in divine and social Worship, seriously to contemplate and consider the Dispensations of the righteous Providence of GOD, and regard the Operations of his Hands: To acknowledge their entire Dependence upon Him, and express their Gratitude for all his Goodness. And considering that although some Parts of this, and other States in the Union have been visited with Sickness, and the Capital of a sister State with uncommon Sickness and Mortality: Yet it hath pleased the Father of Mercies to bestow upon the People of these United States, and of this State in particular, many distinguished Favours and Blessings in the course of the current Year, which demand our sincere Praises and grateful Acknowledgements.

HAVE therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of the Council, and at the Defire of the House of Representatives, in General Court affembled, to appoint, and do hereby appoint Thursday, the Fourteenth Day of November next, to be observed as a Day of Public THANKSGIVING throughout this State; earnestly exhorting Ministers and People of all religious Denominations, to affemble for social, religious Worship; to praise the Lord for all the Manisestations of his Goodness and loving Kindness which we have enjoyed; for the Continuation of our civil and religious Privileges; the inestimable Blessings of the Gospel and Means of Grace; the Measure of Health enjoyed by the People of this State; for the Happiness resulting from our internal Peace and Tranquility; the competent Supplies of the Fruits of the Earth in general, and Plenty of the latter Harvest, and for all other His innumerable Favours and unmerited Mercies conferred upon us. Also to supplicate the Father of all Mercies for the Pardon of all our Sins, the gracious Aids of His Spirit to conduct us in the Ways of Peace and Righteousness in Obedience to His holy Will; that it may graciously please Him to bless and prosper these United States, and the People of this State; direct and prosper our Administration of civil Government in all its Departments; give Wisdom and Integrity to our Rulers; succeed the Means of Grace and the Means of Education, that Wisdom and Knowledge may increase and be the Stability of our Times, and Strength of our Salvation; dispose the contending Nations of Europe to embrace a Spirit of Harmony and Peace; cause all Oppression and Usurpation every where to cease, and the Principles of just and equal Government to be established, and the Earth to be filled with the Knowledge and Glory of GOD.

And all servile Labour and Recreation is forbidden on said Day.

Given at the Council Chamber in New-Haven, the Twenty-second Day of October, Anno Domini, 1793, and in the 18th Year of the Independence of the United States of America.

SAMUEL HUNTINGTON.

Has Excellency's Command,
GEORGE WYLLYS, Secretary.